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SETTING UP OF SCIENCE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to set up world-class national science and research institutions in various parts of the country including Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the cities in which these institutions are being set up and the total estimated cost for setting up of these institutions,State-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments have offered land and other necessary facilities for setting up these institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) whether these institutions would start functioning from the academic year 2008-09?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)&(b): The Government of India has set up three Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research(IISERs) at Pune, Kolkata and Mohali and is establishing two more IISERs at Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram.The estimated cost of each IISER over the initial project period of seven years is Rs. 500 crore.

(c)&(d): The Government of West Bengal has allocated land for setting up IISER at Kolkata.National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune, has parted with a portion of its land for setting up IISER, Pune.The Governments of Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala have offered land and other facilities for setting up IISERs at Mohali,Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram respectively.

(e): IISERs at Pune, Kolkata and Mohali are already functioning.IISERs at Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram are expected to admit their first batch of students in 2008.